

Over \$425 Million Federal Dollars Invested in Illinois in Support of EHR



Medicare and Medicaid electronic health record incentive payments in Illinois have broken through \$400 million to a total of 14,508 physicians and hospitals receiving payment since the program's inception. The Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs provide incentive payments to eligible professionals and hospitals as they adopt, implement, upgrade and demonstrate meaningful use of certified EHR technology. Illinois ranks 7th in the nation in incentive money paid to

providers.

Medicare & Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs Participation in Illinois

- Registered Medicaid Eligible Professionals – 3,904
- Registered Medicare Eligible Professionals – 10,438
- Registered Hospitals - 166
- Eligible Professional Payments - \$130,576,778
- Hospital Payments - \$295,171,649
- **Total Illinois Payments - \$425,748,427**

Participation Quickly Growing for the ILHIE

Below is the current number of organizations now in the process of getting connected to the Illinois Health Information Exchange (ILHIE). Would you like to speak with someone about your organization connecting to the ILHIE? Please contact Raul Recarey, Executive Director of the ILHIE Authority, at raul.recarey@illinois.gov or 312-814-3534.

Organization Type	Number
Hospitals	28
Federally Qualified Health Centers	15
Clinics	2
Physicians	2,412
Total	2,457



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Illinois Among the First States to Establish Cross-Border Connectivity Using ILHIE Direct



The Illinois Health Information Exchange (ILHIE) and Missouri Health Connection (MHC) can electronically exchange health information through Direct secure messages across state lines. This landmark announcement comes after the two networks successfully exchanged test messages.

“This is an important achievement to the benefit of patients in both states. It is a milestone for both ILHIE and MHC and we’re happy to be among the first in the nation to implement a solution that allows providers to connect across state borders and communicate in a HIPAA compliant, secure environment” said Raul Recarey, Executive Director of the ILHIE Authority.

“By connecting with our border states, Missouri Health Connection will help ensure improved care for patients who cross state lines for medical care,” said Mary Kasal, President & CEO of Missouri Health Connection. “We’re excited to be connected to Illinois and look forward to more collaboration in the days ahead.”

See where in Illinois providers are exchanging ILHIE Direct messages. [Click here](#) for an updated map of ILHIE Participants.

“Secure Communication is Key to Improving Care Coordination”

ILHIE Executive Director Raul Recarey Joins DirectTrust.org

Executive Director Raul Recarey has joined DirectTrust.org, an independent non-profit trade association created by and for participants in the Direct community. The common goal is to establish and maintain a national Security and Trust Framework (the "Trust Framework") in support of Directed exchange. “A key ILHIE goal is to provide secure messaging capabilities to all of our Illinois providers. We believe in the Direct framework as it is being developed by all the members of DirectTrust.org and are happy to participate in this National effort. “Connectivity is key to better care coordination and we intend to make sure Illinois providers can successfully send and receive Direct messages anywhere”.

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Behavioral Health Integration Efforts Move Forward



A year ago, the Illinois Behavioral Health Integration Project (BHIP) began the process of ensuring that behavioral health providers become active participants in the ILHIE. BHIP has accomplished that goal, largely due to the hundreds of providers, work groups, consumers and thought leaders that have contributed to the project.

In the course of a year, BHIP has:

- Funded six demonstration projects, producing five promising use cases in health data sharing among behavioral health and medical providers;
- Demonstrated that behavioral health providers are adopting Electronic Medical Record (EMR) systems at much higher rates than expected;
- Contributed to the development of a legislative proposal to ensure that individuals receiving mental health services have the choice to participate in ILHIE;

We now know that behavioral health providers can be “super-users” of ILHIE services, specifically ILHIE Direct. These providers made a commitment to re-engineering care and piloting the service to make it work.

BHIP Next Steps:

- Ensure that providers and consumers of mental health services have the choice to participate in ILHIE through a change in state law;
- Promote tools that support electronic exchange involving behavioral health;
- Continue to ensure that behavioral health providers can be fully connected to ILHIE through the use of ILHIE Direct and its other services.

Learn more by visiting the [BHIP Website](#).

To learn more about health information exchange in Illinois visit www.ILHIE.org

The **Illinois Health Information Exchange (ILHIE)** is a statewide, secure electronic network for sharing clinical and administrative data among health care providers in Illinois. The ILHIE allows providers to exchange electronic health information in real time and in a secure environment to improve health care quality and patient care. The [Illinois Office of Health Information Technology](#) is working with the ILHIE Authority to support its development.

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